GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1208
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ANTARCTICA EXPEDITIONS
SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL

Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(A) WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT ARE AWARE THAT MORE SPYING IS DONE IN ANTARCTICA THAN THE RESE WORK BY THE SCIENTISTS WHO ARE BASED THERE AS REPORTED IN HINDI DAILY `RASHTRAIYA SAHARA` FEBRUARY 4, 2003;

(B) IF SO, THE FACTS THEREOF;

(C) THE DETAILS OF RESEARCH WORK CARRIED BY THE INDIAN SCIENTISTS IN ANTARCTICA SO FAR; AND

(D) THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE 22ND EXPEDITION OF INDIA WHICH LEFT FOR ANTARCTICA ON 10TH JA 2003?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(A) YES, IT IS NOT TRUE.

(B) DPES DOES NOT ARISE.

(C) THE SCIENTIFIC WORK DONE BY THE INDIAN SCIENTISTS IN ANTARCTICA IS PUBLISHED IN THE TEC REPOORTS OF EACH EXPEDITION. IN ADDITION, HUNDREDS OF SCIENTIFIC PAPERS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHE VARIOUS INDIAN AND INTERNATIONAL JOOURNALS. FIFTEEN RESEARCH SCHOLARS GOT THEIR PH.D BASED ON TI WORK IN ANTARCTICA.

(D) THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE XXII INDIAN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION ARE TO -

PROVIDE LOGISTIC AND MANPOWER SUPPORT TO MAINTAIN INDIAN PERMAMENT STATION `MAITRI`; AND
TO CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE FIELDS OF-
- ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE;
- BIOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
- BIOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
- EARTH SCIENCES & GLOBAL CHANGE; AND
- ENGINEERING & COMMUNICATION